

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 4, 5, 14, 19, 23 and 25-27 are in the case. Claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-18, 20-22 and 24 have been canceled.

Regarding the indication of the allowability of Claims 4, 5, 14, 19, 23 and 25-27 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims, these claims have been so rewritten. It is therefore respectfully submitted that these claims are now allowable. Wherefore it is respectfully requested that the related objection to these claims be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that these claims all be allowed.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-3, 6-13, 15, 17, 18, 20-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Ritmiller, III, these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ritmiller, III, this claim has been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

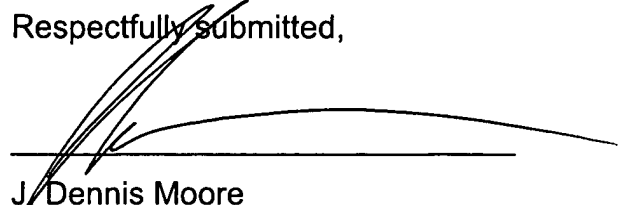
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of

this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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